

Fond du Lac County Health Department and Agnesian HealthCare**COVID-19 Vaccine Weekly Update****February 5, 2021 at 9:00am****Who is currently eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine?****Currently eligible populations**

- Frontline health care personnel
- Residents in skilled nursing and long-term care facilities
- Police and fire personnel, correctional staff
- Adults ages 65 and over

Next eligible groups

- Education and child care
- Individuals enrolled in Medicaid long-term care programs
- Some public-facing essential workers
- Non-frontline essential health care personnel
- Facility staff and residents in congregate living settings

Wisconsin Department of Health Services (WI DHS) anticipates the next eligible groups listed above may become eligible for the vaccine around March 1 (pending Wisconsin's vaccine supply from the federal government). See more information on the priority populations here:

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine-about.htm>

Local Vaccination Efforts as of 2/5/2021:

- Agnesian HealthCare is nearing the end of offering first doses of vaccine to their staff members and volunteers, and in many cases administering the second dose. Work is underway to transition these employee-based clinics into the ambulatory setting or through Employee Health.
- Fond du Lac County Health Department, in collaboration with Agnesian HealthCare, continue to vaccinate frontline health care workers (phase 1a) and police and fire personnel (phase 1 b) with their first and second doses.
 - [Phase 1a](#) includes unaffiliated health care providers such as dentists, optometrists, chiropractors, school nurses/aids, therapists, pharmacists, counselors, social workers, paramedics, etc.
 - If you believe you fall into this category, please call Fond du Lac County Health Department at 920-929-3085 ext 4.
- The Federal Pharmacy Partnership for Long-Term Care Program provides vaccination services to residents of nursing homes and assisted living facilities participating in the program. This program began on Dec. 28, 2020. For more on this program, visit: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine-ppp.htm>

Vaccinations for adults 65 and older

- On Jan. 19, WI DHS announced that adults over the age of 65 will be eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine beginning Jan. 25.
- There are approximately 700,000 Wisconsinites who are 65 and older and Wisconsin currently receives around 70,000 first-dose vaccines per week from the federal government. It will take time to vaccinate this population.
- On Jan. 27, Fond du Lac County Health Department began vaccination clinics for this population. Capacity was met quickly for these clinics due to overwhelming interest and Public Health is no longer adding to the callback list to register individuals for these clinics. Over 1,200 individuals were vaccinated at the first clinic.
- On Jan. 25, Agnesian HealthCare started vaccinating patients ages 75 and older as they are at a higher risk for serious complications and hospitalization due to COVID-19. Within its first week, more than 1,750 patients were vaccinated.
- **Starting Feb. 3, Agnesian HealthCare patients who are age 65 and older can call (920) 926-8400. The hotline is available daily from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.** Due to high call volumes during the week, patients might find that scheduling during weekend hours is more efficient. A patient vaccination clinic for patients 65 years and above is also being planned on Saturday, February 6.
 - Patients interested in receiving the vaccine can visit agnesian.com/covid19 and complete a vaccine interest form to be notified when appointments will be available specifically for their age group. Preregistration will not guarantee an immediate appointment; it will help Agnesian HealthCare in notifying individuals on how to schedule an appointment once they are eligible.
- We understand that many people are eager to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. We ask for everyone's patience as we schedule vaccinations for eligible community members.

WI DHS has Weekly Newsletter to Keep Public Informed of COVID-19 Response and Vaccination Progress

On Jan. 19, WI DHS announced they are now offering a newsletter the public can sign up for to get direct information about the COVID-19 response and vaccine rollout. Every Friday, a COVID-19 update newsletter will be sent via email to people who sign up to receive it. To sign up for the newsletter, click [here](#).

For additional COVID-19 resources, please visit:

- agnesian.com/covid19 and www.fdlco.wi.gov
 - Sign up [here](#) for email notifications when Fond du Lac County's COVID-19 Vaccine Page has updates available.
- [Agnesian HealthCare's Facebook Page](#) and [Fond du Lac County Health Department's Facebook Page](#)
- [WI DHS COVID-19 Vaccine website](#)
- [WI DHS COVID-29 Vaccine Data](#)
 - As of Feb. 4, a total of 12,980 COVID-19 vaccines have been administered in Fond du Lac County.